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Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million head, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 millions steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, September, 2002, August and September, 2003

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Sept.2002	614	487	582	505	2,188
Aug. 2003	*597	529	659	594	*2,379
Sept.2003	698	545	610	621	2,474

*Revised

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, and United States

State	Number on feed September 1			Placed during September			Marketed during September			Other disappearance during September			Number on feed October 1		
	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	285	274	96	30	25	83	26	23	88	1	1	100	288	275	95
CA	490	*490	99	60	61	102	52	63	121	3	3	100	495	485	98
CO	1,000	900	90	255	255	100	220	200	91	5	5	100	1,030	950	92
ID	275	245	89	69	82	119	63	56	89	1	1	100	280	270	96
IA	310	300	97	68	80	118	62	69	111	1	1	100	315	310	98
KS	2,230	2,250	101	460	530	115	400	465	116	10	15	150	2,280	2,300	101
NE	1,850	1,660	90	450	520	116	335	345	103	5	5	100	1,960	1,830	93
NM	114	121	106	20	16	80	18	10	56	3	4	133	113	123	109
OK	305	345	113	83	81	98	57	73	128	1	3	300	330	350	106
SD	145	134	92	49	49	100	43	37	86	1	1	100	150	145	97
TX	2,680	2,700	101	530	620	117	470	580	123	20	20	100	2,720	2,720	100
WA	155	180	116	42	53	126	26	41	158	1	2	200	170	190	112
Oth. Sts.	290	235	81	72	102	142	76	70	92	1	2	200	285	265	93
U.S.	10,129	*9,834	97	2,188	2,474	113	1,848	2,032	110	53	63	119	10,416	10,213	98

*Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2002		2003		2002		2003	
Sep 20	66.16		93.24		66.79		92.46	
Sep 27	65.20		93.83		65.78		93.36	
Oct 04	63.73		92.71		64.18		93.97	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2003 averaged 66.0 cents, up 3.0 cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during September was 223 million eggs, down three percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from September 2002. September 2003 contained 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to September 2002, with 21 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2003, totaled 331 million, down 2 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.35 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2003, averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.58 billion eggs during September 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during September, at 309 million, was down 2 percent from a year ago.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2002	2003
January	41.0	55.0
February	44.0	56.0
March	50.0	51.0
April	40.0	52.0
May	31.0	41.0
June	43.0	50.0
July	35.0	51.0
August	37.0	57.0
September	36.0	63.0
October	38.0	66.0
November	43.0	
December	54.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month,
percent molting and molted

	Oct 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,624	10,812	10,862	10,841
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	9.0	4.5	4.0	4.5
Molt completed	32.5	29.5	27.5	28.5

Layers and egg production, September 2003, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand						Percent	
Alabama	9,568	1,871	179	48	131	1,829	2.0	3.0
Arkansas	14,628	1,846	270	94	176	2,823	2.5	10.5
California	19,524	2,146	419			4,381	7.5	34.0
Florida	10,852	2,129	231	223	8	2,313	4.5	28.5
Georgia	19,735	2,037	402	236	166	4,155	3.5	17.5
Indiana	22,613	2,162	489	477	12	5,021	6.0	33.0
Iowa	38,925	2,194	854			8,393	8.0	30.0
Maine	4,181	2,344	98			926	0.0	0.0
Maryland	2,804	2,247	63	61	2	538	6.0	23.0
Michigan	6,492	2,234	145			1,469	5.0	27.0
Minnesota	11,016	2,151	237	229	8	2,497	3.5	25.0
Mississippi	6,795	1,898	129	41	88	1,335	2.0	12.0
Missouri	6,872	2,270	156			1,551	3.5	11.5
Nebraska	11,847	2,212	262	262		2,591	9.5	21.5
New York	3,811	2,335	89			872	0.0	5.5
North Carolina	10,442	1,925	201	80	121	2,104	0.5	12.0
Ohio	28,699	2,150	617			6,384	6.5	24.0
Pennsylvania	23,619	2,252	532	518	14	5,565	5.0	20.5
South Carolina	5,322	2,180	116	97	19	1,138	4.0	20.0
Texas	18,304	2,087	382			3,957	4.0	22.5
Virginia	3,022	1,853	56	26	30	625	0.5	17.5
Washington	4,874	2,195	107			1,086	11.5	41.5
Other States	47,714	2,114	471	389	82	5,299	5.1	28.4
United States	331,659	2,127	7,054	6,038	1,016	71,850	5.1	23.1

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,801,000 was 38 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 4,066,000, were 39 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 596,000 chicks was eight percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 532,000 were 46 percent above last year.

UNITED STATES

The September 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down slightly from September of the previous year. There were 600 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2003, down slightly from September 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.8 million, up slightly from September 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on October 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 269,000 during September 2003, down 3 percent from September 2002.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	29,881	30,105	101
Chicks hatched during Sept	35,734	35,777	100
Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	277	269	97
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,073	2,871	93
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	590,122	600,490	102
Chicks hatched during Sept	740,396	739,191	100
Pullets hatched during Sept for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,676	6,654	100
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	61,370	60,539	99

^{1/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2002 through February 2003. ^{2/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2002 through February 2003.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 142 million pounds of milk during September 2003, down eight percent from the previous September. Production per cow of 1,020 pounds was three percent below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 139,000, six percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from September 2002. August revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.9 percent from August 2002. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,503 pounds for September, 6 pounds more from September 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 38,000 head less than September 2002, and 7,000 head less than August 2003.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
September	2002	148	1,050	155
August	2003	140	1,130	158
September	2003	139	1,020	142
20 Major States:				
September	2002	7,781	1,497	11,648
August	2003	7,750	1,563	12,110
September	2003	7,743	1,503	11,641
United States				
September	2002	--	--	13,467
August	2003	--	--	13,938
September	2003	--	--	13,397

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,112	9,154	4,653	4,691	42,397	42,939
Apr-Jun	9,149	9,114	4,811	4,814	44,015	43,872
Jul-Sep	9,153	9,065	4,566	4,582	41,791	41,540
Oct-Dec	9,148		4,543		41,555	
Annual Total	9,141		18,571		169,758	

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for September 2003 was 5.4 million pounds, eight percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the

United States for September 4.01 billion pounds, was four percent above 2002.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	8	8	8	72	73
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	11	10	9	74	78
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	2,134	1,689	1,517	13,685	11,880
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.9	5.3	5.4	50.2	50.0
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,867	3,134	3,122	26,836	27,356
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,620	3,840	3,833	33,425	33,632
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,263	1,225	1,227	1,246	1,230
Beef production (million pounds)	2,201	2,328	2,312	20,306	20,273
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	89	80	83	754	739
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	23	25	237	233
Average liveweight (pounds)	303	294	308	313	317
Veal production (million pounds)	16	14	15	143	142
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,506	8,043	8,554	73,545	73,208
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,216	2,094	2,246	19,448	19,426
Average liveweight (pounds)	260	260	263	264	265
Pork production (million pounds)	1,638	1,555	1,664	14,408	14,419
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,873	3,913	4,008	35,021	34,978

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions September 2002 and 2003

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2002		2003		Grade	2002		2003	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	116.40	93.89	^{2/}	^{2/}	Large #1	87.38	75.84	^{2/}	^{2/}
Medium #2	96.35	80.53	^{2/}	^{2/}	Medium #1	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{2/}	^{2/}
					Medium #2	78.94	70.59	^{2/}	^{2/}
All grades	105.69	85.17	^{2/}	^{2/}	All grades	82.58	73.28	^{2/}	^{2/}

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.

^{1/} Not available.

^{2/} Auction data discontinued by Market News, July 2003.